

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota is honored to host the 26th Biennial National Beef Cook-Off® in the Black Hills; and,

Whereas, Beef plays a crucial role in the economy of South Dakota, and recognizing the contribution of beef to the health of the agricultural industry in South Dakota and in the nation; and,

Whereas, For nearly three decades, the National Beef Cook-Off® has been America's premier beef cooking contest for family chefs; and,

Whereas, The 2005 National Beef Cook-Off® culminates the nationwide search for the "Best of Beef" grand prize in addition to eight other winners, in Rapid City, South Dakota, as the 20 finalists compete for \$110,000 in total prize money; and,

Whereas, The Cook-Off is sponsored by America's Beef Producers through their \$1-per-head checkoff, in partnership with Albertsons® and other businesses; and,

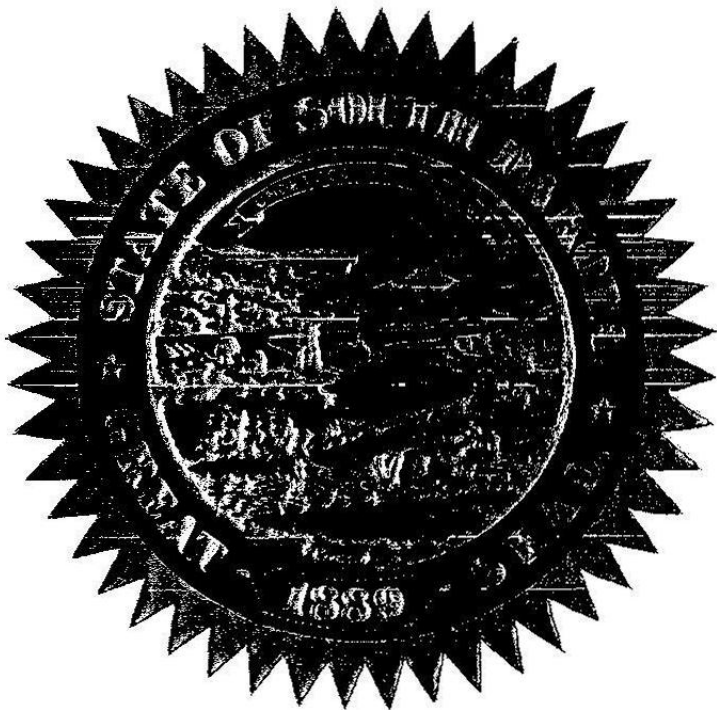
Whereas, The 2005 theme is "The National Beef Cook-Off® is the experience where new American traditions begin with the cook, the beef and the recipe they create with passion.":

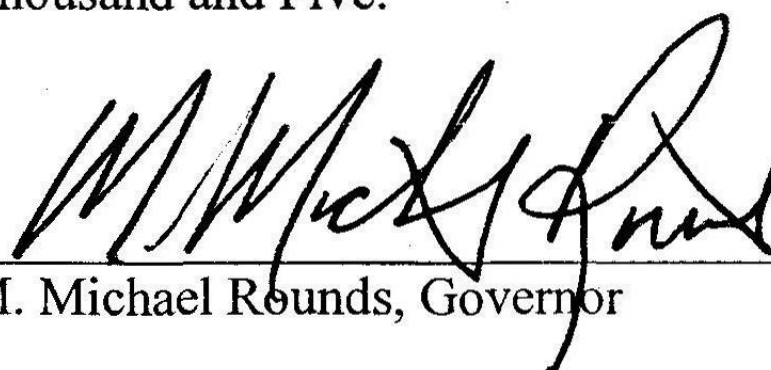
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 19, 2005, as

NATIONAL BEEF COOK-OFF® DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.




M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State